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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Water Main Rehabilitation Project: NE 7th Street in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hallandale Beach, located at 400 S. Federal Highway, Hallandale Beach, Florida, 33009.

The funding would be used for to provide new potable water through a water main located within city limits running approximately 6,500 feet. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because based on the current plan, our residents will experience rate increases between 3.75% and 17% percent, year-over year, over the next five fiscal years (FY2024 through FY2028). The citizens of City of Hallandale Beach will benefit greatly from using taxpayer dollars to help offset the cost of this critical infrastructure project for the water utility included in the City's CIP Plan. Currently, the City is limited on possible funding sources – this may include funding from utility revenue bonds at higher interest rates over the next 30 years due to current market conditions. The funding of this project from federal funds would have a direct impact on future water rates for the utility system and therefore would lower the utility bills of our residents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wasserman Schultz

Member of Congress